Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSES

Committee on Armed Services: Committee held hearings to examine the requirements for ballistic missile defenses, receiving testimony from Keith Payne, National Institute for Public Policy, Fairfax, Virginia; Kathleen Bailey, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Livermore, California; and Ted Gold, Hicks & Associates, McLean, Virginia.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

GOVERNING IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Committee on the Budget: Committee held hearings to examine the role of the Federal Government in the twenty-first century, receiving testimony from William J. Bennett, Empower America, Robert L. Woodson, National Center for Neighborhood Enterprise, Stephen Moore, Cato Institute, and Robert Greenstein, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, all of Washington, D.C.

Committee will meet again tomorrow.

FEDERAL REVENUE ESTIMATES

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings to examine the Federal revenue estimating process used to determine the effects of proposed tax legislation on fiscal year budget receipts, receiving testimony from Alan J. Auerbach, University of California, Berkeley; R. Glenn Hubbard, Columbia University, New York, New York; and J.D. Foster, Tax Foundation, Inc., and William A. Niskanen, Cato Institute, both of Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

NORTH KOREA NUCLEAR AGREEMENT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee held hearings to examine the impact of the agreement between the United States and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea regarding the North Korean nuclear program on overall efforts to reduce the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, receiving testimony from Warren M. Christopher, Secretary of State; William J. Perry, Secretary of Defense; and Robert L. Gallucci, U.S. Ambassador at Large.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

LINE-ITEM VETO

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Federalism and Property Rights concluded hearings on S.J. Res. 2 and S.J. Res. 16, measures proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to grant the President line-item veto authority, after receiving testimony from Senators Thurmond and Biden; Walter Dellinger, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Justice; Louis Fisher, Senior Specialist, American National Government, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Timothy Flanigan, former Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Justice; South Carolina Governor Carroll Campbell, Columbia; and Stephen Moore, Cato Institute, Robert Barr, Chamber of Commerce of the United States, David L. Keating, National Taxpayers Union, and J. Gregory Sidak, American Enterprise Institute, all of Washington, D.C.

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Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Twenty public bills, H.R. 645–664; and two resolutions, H.J. Res. 63 and H. Con. Res. 18, were introduced. Pages H592–93

Report Filed: One report was filed as follows: H. Res. 44, providing for the consideration of H. Con. Res. 17, relating to the treatment of Social Security under any Constitutional amendment requiring a balanced budget amendment; and providing for the consideration of H.J. Res. 1, the balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States (H. Rept. 104–4).

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Stearns to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: House recessed at 10:17 a.m. and reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

Journal: By a yea-and-nay vote of 278 yeas to 135 nays, Roll No. 30, the House approved the Journal of Monday, January 23.

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Presidential Message—Middle East: Read a message from the President wherein he reports that he has declared a national emergency with respect to acts of violence committed by foreign terrorists that threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process